

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS FOR USSN 09/743,394****IN THE CLAIMS**

Cancel claims 2-6, and add new claims 12-16.

1-8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently amended) A method for preparing an Adenovirus vector-producing cell that resists apoptosis during Adenovirus vector amplification comprising:

a) contacting a polynucleotide sequence encoding p21 with an Adenoviral vector-producing cell, ~~simultaneously with, or followed by,~~

b) contacting a polynucleotide sequence comprising an Adenoviral vector to be amplified with said Adenoviral vector-producing cell,

wherein the polynucleotide of (b) does not physically linked in an upstream-downstream fashion of the same DNA molecule, with the polynucleotide of (b), and

c) generating a transfected cell which resists apoptosis during adenoviral vector amplification, and wherein said p21 nucleotide sequence is operatively coupled to a viral or non-viral promoter.

10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently amended) A method for preparing Adenovirus vector, comprising the steps of:

a) contacting an Adenovirus vector-producing cell with at least one polynucleotide, wherein the at least one polynucleotide comprises,

(i) at least one nucleotide sequence encoding p21 and

(ii) at least one nucleotide sequence comprising the Adenovirus vector DNA,

wherein (i) and (ii) are not physically linked in an upstream-downstream fashion within the same DNA molecule.

b) incubating said polynucleotide-contacted Adenovirus vector-producing cell in cell culture medium under conditions permitting both synthesis of p21 protein and replication of the Adenoviral vector DNA; and

c) harvesting the culture medium after an incubation period sufficient to allow an accumulation of Adenoviral vector in the culture medium.

12. (New) The method of claim 11 comprising utilizing a constitutive promoter operatively coupled to the nucleotide sequence encoding p21 for the generation of stably transfected cell lines.

13. (New) The method of claim 11 comprising utilizing a regulatable promoter operatively coupled to the nucleotide sequence encoding p21 for the generation of stably transfected cell lines.

14. (New) The method of claim 11 comprising utilizing a constitutive promoter operatively coupled to the nucleotide sequence encoding p21 for the generation of transiently transfected cell lines.

15. (New) The method of claim 11 comprising utilizing a regulatable promoter operatively coupled to the nucleotide sequence encoding p21 for the generation of transiently transfected cell lines.

16. (New) The method of claim 11 wherein the transfer of the nucleotide sequence encoding p21 is carried out using naked DNA, viral vectors or nonviral vectors.